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Joint Order To Review the MaineCare Program

the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall hold a minimum of 10 meetings during the 2007 interim to receive information regarding and to review the MaineCare program. The review of the MaineCare program must include full exploration of a range of issues regarding MaineCare. The issues must include, but are not limited to:

1. The efficiency, cost-effectiveness, performance and fiscal soundness of the MaineCare program;
2. The potential for maximizing 3rd-party liability collections and other cost savings;
3. Analysis of MaineCare program delivery and options for improving delivery;
4. The roles that care coordination and disease management play in improving health outcomes and consequent reductions in utilization and costs;
5. Fulfillment of the obligations of the State in operating the MaineCare program;
6. The implementation of health care reforms in the MaineCare program during 2007, including clinical management and managed behavioral health care;
7. The relationship of the MaineCare program to the Dirigo Health Program and the elderly low-cost drug program;
8. The effect of the merger of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services on the MaineCare program and the delivery of MaineCare services; and
9. The transformation of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services.

The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation regarding the MaineCare program to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.